Revenue officials. Several applications from the Pulayas were lying in the taluks unattended to and in many cases the lands applied for by them were registered to the rich and influential persons in other communities. He prayed that stringent orders be issued to the Peishkars to see that their applications were sympathetically considered and promptly disposed of. He also requested that Shethakal, Karikulam and Kodumon Reserves be set apart exclusively for their habitation and cultivation and that *porambokes* on the sides of roads be registered in the names of Pulayas as house sites.

Dewan's reply .—Noted.

16. Need for giving prompt effect to the orders of Government regarding the registry of *puduval* lands in the names of Parayas and for assigning more *poramboke* and *puduval* lands to them.

Mr. Raman Chennan (Member, Nominated) complained that, though the Government had repeatedly ordered the registry of lands in the names of Parayas, the community had derived very little benefit out of it, as the area hitherto registered to them was very small. The best way of getting their grievances redressed was for Government to institute an enquiry as to how many applications had been received from them, how much land had been registered in their names and how many applications were pending and why and also to prescribe a minimum time within which each application should be disposed of. He prayed that lands in some of the Reserves specifically mentioned by Mr. Kandan Kumaran in the last session and also the lands on the sides of roads be granted to the Parayas as dwelling sites.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

17. Registry of Government waste lands in the names of converts to Christianity from depressed classes.

Mr. Abraham Isaac (Member, Nominated) represented that, owing to the unsympathetic attitude of the subordinates of the Revenue Department, various obstacles were being thrown in the way of *puduval* and other waste lands being registered in the names of the members of his community in pursuance of G. O. No. 2290 L. R., dated 13th April, 1917. The extent of their grievance might be ascertained by instituting an enquiry as to how many applications had been submitted by them subsequent to the issue of the above G. O., what extent of land had been registered in their names, how many were rejected and for what reasons and how many were pending. The Member then made the following suggestions with a view to the redress of their grievances :—

1. Information should be called for from all the divisions about the *puduvals*, *porambokes*, grazing grounds, etc., in each taluk and a definite portion of such areas should be set apart for registry in the names of converts to Christianity from the Pulaya and Paraya communities. A list of such lands should be furnished to the leaders among those communities and applications for lands received through such leaders should be sent to an officer specially appointed for the purpose. Their grievances should be heard and enquired into through that officer and remedied promptly.

2. Applications presented by them for the registry of Pandaravaga waste lands should be preferred to those given by members of other communities and such areas should be registered in their names without being auctioned.

3. Portions of *porambokes* and grazing grounds not required for public purposes should also be registered in their names. Suitable areas for registry were available in the Manchadikara *pakuthi* of the Changanacherri taluk, Vadayar and Vechur *pakuthies* of the Vaikom taluk, Ettumanur and Kaduthuruthi *pakuthies* of the Ettumanur taluk, Thottapalli *pakuthi* of the Ambalapuzha taluk and in several parts of Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks. He further prayed that the *kari* lands adjoining the Vembanad backwater near Kandankari and Chemmanakari might also be registered in their names.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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